

REMARKS

The 08 August 2008 office action states that claims 15-24 are allowed and claims 9, 14, 26 and 29 are indicated as allowable if amended to be in independent form.

Independent claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 9. Claim 9 has been cancelled. Claims 4-5 have been amended to depend from claim 6. Accordingly claim 6 and dependent claims 4-5 and 7-8 appear to be in allowable form.

Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 14. Claim 14 has been cancelled. Accordingly claim 13 appears to be in allowable form.

Claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 26. Claim 26 has been cancelled. Accordingly claim 25 appears to be in allowable form.

Independent claim 27 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 29. Claim 29 has been cancelled. Accordingly independent claim 27 and dependent claims 28, 30 and 31 appear to be in allowable form.

Claims 1-3, 9-12, 14, 26 and 29 remain cancelled without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

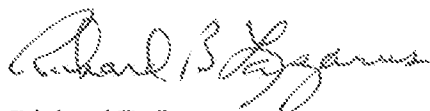
All of the independent claims now include subject matter indicated as allowable. Accordingly, the rejections are moot and it is submitted that all of the claims (Nos. 4-8, 13, 15-25, 27-28 and 30-31) are in condition for allowance and such action is, respectfully, requested.

If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that resolution can be promptly effected.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (20341-67618).

Respectfully submitted,

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